The Cochin—Ernakulam ferry service.

168. മിസ്റ്റർ. പി. കുഞ്ഞുമുഹമ്മദ്.—കൊച്ചി—എറണാകുളം കടത്തുബോട്ടുകൾ കനാൽ ഓഫീസർമാരുടെ മേൽനോട്ടത്തിൽ കൃത്യസമയങ്ങളിൽ വിടുവാൻ ഒരു ഉത്തരവ് ഗവർമ്മേണ്ട് നല്കുമോ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—എറണാകുളം-മട്ടാഞ്ചേരി കടത്തുബോട്ടുകൾ ക്രമമായിനടത്തിക്കുവാൻ കനാൽ സൂപ്രണ്ടെണ്ടുമാരെ ചുമതലപ്പെടുത്തീട്ടുണ്ട്.

The internment of deceased Mussalmans.

169. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുഞ്ഞുമുഹമ്മദ്.—ഉ. മുസ്ലീം മൃതശരീരങ്ങളെ പ്രത്യേക കമ്മങ്ങളോടുകൂടി മറവു ചെയ്യേണമെന്നുള്ള ഇസ്ലാം മതശാസനയെ ഗവർമ്മേണ്ട് അറിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ഉ. ആസ്പത്രികളിലും ജെലുകളിലും മറ്റു പബ്ലിക്കുസ്ഥലങ്ങളിലും കിടന്നു മരിക്കുന്ന മുസ്ലീം അനാഥകളെ പ്രസ്തുത സ്ഥലങ്ങൾക്ക് ഏറ്റവുമടുത്ത മുസ്ലീം പള്ളി കയ്യാരന്മാരേയൊ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വപ്പെട്ട സംഘാധികൃതന്മാരേയൊ ഏല്പിക്കുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിന് ദയവുണ്ടാകുമൊ?

ന. ഓരൊ മൃതശരീരങ്ങൾ സംസ്കരിക്കേണ്ടതിന് ഉദ്ദേശം ൨൦ രൂപിക ചിലവു വേണ്ടിവരുന്നതിൽനിന്ന് ഈ ഉറുപ്പികയിൽ കുറയാതെ ഒരു സംഖ്യയെങ്കിലും അനുവദിക്കുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിന് ദയവുണ്ടാകുമൊ?

ദിവാൻ ബഹദൂർ ഡാക്ടർ വി. വടീസ്സ്.—ഉ. ഇതിനിടെ അറിവാൻ എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

ഉ. & ന. ഈ സംഗതികളെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

The nomination of non-official members to Village Panchayats.

170. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the rules in force as regards the nomination of non-official members to the Village Panchayats and to state.—

(b) of the total number of nominated members there are at present, how many are (1) caste-Hindus, (2) non-caste Hindus, (3) Christians (4), Muhammadans and (5) Jews;

(c) in view of the criticism made at the last session of the Legislative Council about the inadequate representation given to the so-called untouchables on the Village Panchayats and of the assurance given on behalf of the Government to modify the rules governing the nomination to Village Panchayats, what steps have been taken since the last meeting of the Legislative Council for giving adequate representation to the so-called untouchables;

(d) how many have been nominated to the Village Panchayats since the last meeting of the Legislative Council, and of these members, how many are (i) caste-Hindus, (ii) (non caste Hindus, (iii) Christians, (iv) Muhammadans and (v) Jews?

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Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question 195 (c) of the last budget session. A copy of the notification dated 13th June 1921 is placed on the Council table.

(b)	Caste-Hindus	....	119
	Non-caste Hindus	....	26
	Christians	....	40
	Muhammadans	....	12

(c) The matter is still under the consideration of the Government.

(d) Twelve, of whom 7 are caste-Hindus, 4 are non-caste Hindus and 1 is a Muhammadan.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In the answer-paper I do not find the answer pertaining to the question I have asked. I asked for the rules in force as regards the nomination of non-official members to the Village Panchayats, and then, it is said that it is in the notification of 13th June 1921, which refers to the election and not to the nomination.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The rules regarding election and nomination are one and the same.

President.—So, for the purposes of nomination, you follow certain rules.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—For election and nomination the qualifications of members are the same.

President.—Where is it published that you have got definite rules for election?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—They have been published.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The Regulation itself provides the qualifications.

President.—You will draw my attention to the rules for nomination and election. How does the matter stand? Are the rules for nomination also published?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes. Sir, Notification, dated 13th June 1921, refers to that.

President.—It refers to the rules regarding election.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The qualification for membership is the same.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—In the notification, dated 13th June 1921, it is stated the qualifications for being nominated is the same as for being elected.

President.—The notification refers only to qualifications for election. Information is wanted in respect of rules published regarding nomination.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Generally, no rules are laid down, as far as nominations are concerned. It is left to the sweet will

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of the Government to nominate any person the Government chooses. But as regards election, there will be certain rules. I wanted to bring to the notice of the Government that the Hon'ble Member for Panchayats has been saying that the rules governing election also apply to nomination. That is why I called for that notification referred to by the Hon'ble Member. Now,I find that it does not contain anything about nomination.

President.—The Government look into the merits of the candidates and nominate them, whether it is for the Panchayats or for the Legislative Council. What is the qualification that we want for nomination? I do not know. Of course, so far as election is concerned, there are definite rules laid down. In the case of nomination, a number of candidates are taken into consideration, and we see whether a particular candidate will be representing the interests of a minority or representing a particular class or representing a particular percent of expert knowledge. So there are no definite rules for nomination. That is the case for nomination to the Legislative Council also. If there are definite rules laid down for nomination to Village Panchayats, I would like to see that notification —a notification stating such and such qualifications are necessary for members, before they are nominated.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—There was a notification stating the qualifications for members of Panchayats. It think these rules have been in force. To the best of my recollection, we prescribed a set of rules specifying the qualifications required for the members of a Panchayat. I think it is in Edavam 1089 or so.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—In virtue of section 7 of the Cochin Village Panchayats Regulation, V of 1089, the Diwan has been authorised to make the nominations.

President.—What qualifications should they have?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—He was allowed a very wide discretion.

President.—Therefore, there are no rules regarding qualifications for a member to be nominated to the Panchayats.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There is a rule. The notification, dated 13th June 1921, lays down that that the qualifications for election purposes are insisted upon for nomination.

President.—There are qualifications for election. In the first instance, there were no special qualifications laid down for nomination. It was entirely left to the Diwan Peishkar to nominate a qualified person. Subsequently, that was modified and the qualifications that were required for election purposes also were insisted upon for nomination purposes.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In regard to nomination for the Legislative Council, no qualifications are laid down. So this rule regarding Panchayats requires modification. During the last budget session, I brought this matter to the notice of the Government, and it was said that the Government would consider the matter, as soon as possible. Even now, in answer to question (c), the Government say that the matter is still under consideration.

President.—For election, tax and some other qualifications are very high, and they cannot ordinarily be complied with. You say that the Government must see that such high qualifications are not insisted upon so that every body may have an opportunity of getting into the Panchayats. This, I think, is what Mr. Mathew is saying.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I have been saying so. For nomination, no tax qualification at all is necessary. Even for nomination to the Legislative Council, no tax qualification is necessary. That rule applies also to Municipalities. Village Panchayats are also important bodies.

President.—The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Thank you, Sir.

The Central Ayurvedic Hospital.

171. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention what steps have been taken for establishing a Central Ayurvedic Hospital in the State?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Certain proposals have been submitted, and the matter is engaging the Government's attention.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What are the proposals submitted?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The proposals are several, such as giving medical aid in rural areas, for organising a Central Ayurvedic Hospital, etc.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—My question is only about the Central Ayurvedic Hospital.

President.—What they want is a Central Ayurvedic Hospital. Giving medical aid to rural parts is another matter. The proposal must be that starting such and sush Ayurvedic Hospitals in such and such places of the State will suit our purpose, and such and such preliminary steps have to be taken, etc.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I don't exactly remember what proposals have been made. As regards the starting of an Ayurvedic Hospital, the matter has been referred, as pointed out yesterday, to the Thekkat Elayadath Moosad.

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